

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Attorney Docket No. 03-465-D (400.151))**

In the Application of: )  
McSwiggen et al )  
Serial No.: 10/826,966 ) Examiner: Gibbs  
Filing Date: April 16, 2004 ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition ) Confirmation No. 2134  
of Gene Expression Using Chemically )  
Modified Short Interfering Nucleic )  
Acid (siNA) )

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 24, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please consider the amendments and remarks made herein in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2006. Please charge all fees due to deposit account number 13-2490.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the USPTO via the USPTO EFS on March 23, 2007.

Date: March 23, 2007

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